



CITY OF MANCHESTER HEALTH DEPARTMENT ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM



Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood. Poor oral health is associated with reduced school attendance, reduced learning time and lower scores on standardized tests.

Tooth decay can be prevented!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any Manchester School District Student who:

- Does not have a dentist and
- Meets financial eligibility requirements

WHAT WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

An oral health screening, topical fluoride and sealants (if needed) by a Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist, as well as education about how to maintain healthy teeth and gums.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS A CAVITY?

The Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist can place a *temporary* filling to keep the cavity from getting worse until you can see a dentist. We will also provide you with a dentist referral and assistance making an appointment, if necessary.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Complete and sign the enclosed **Permission Form** and return to your child's school within one week.

HOW WILL YOU KEEP MY CHILD SAFE FROM COVID-19 ?

Your child's health and safety have always been our top priority! We are doing even more now to reduce the risk of infection, including:

- Installing physical barriers and air filtration units to limit the spread of respiratory droplets;
- Waiting 15 minutes between each screening to allow staff to change personal protective equipment (like gloves and masks), clean and disinfect;
- Conducting daily temperature and health checks on staff and students;
- Limiting dental procedures to only those that do not cause spatter or spray (non-aerosol);
- Requiring students to wear masks at all times EXCEPT during the dental screening;
- Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff entering and exiting the Dental Van.

THE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM IS PROVIDED
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE MANCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND CATHOLIC MEDICAL CENTER

